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1. ARTICLE II.3 (SLBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION): KARPOV AFFIRMED THAT SOVIET DRAFT COVERS ALL SLBM LAUNCHERS INCLUDED IN INTERIM AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THOSE DEFINED IN AGREED SCC PROCEDURES AS LAUNCHERS OF MODERN SLBMS. HE ASSERTED THAT ALL SUCH SYSTEMS COULD BE COVERED IN THE NEW AGREEMENT WITHOUT DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN MODERN AND NON-MODERN SLBMS. DURING DISCUSSIONS, US AND SOVIET DIFFERENCES OVER PHRASE "ANY DEVICE...WHICH CAN BE USED" PARALLELED THOSE DISCUSSED FOR PARAGRAPH 1 (SALT TWO 827).

2. ARTICLE II.3 (HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION): IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, KARPOV SAID SOVIET PHRASE "NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY AIRCRAFT" WOULD NOT REQUIRE THAT HEAVY BOMBER ALWAYS BE LOADED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ORDER TO COUNT IN AGGREGATE. RATHER, APPROACH TO ARTICLES III.3 AND VI.2(C) WOULD BE FOLLOWED--THAT IS, BOMBERS EQUIPPED FOR SUCH WEAPONS WOULD BE INCLUDED. IN EXTENDED DISCUSSION, SOVIETS STRONGLY RESISTED US PHRASE "HOWEVER CONFIGURED", CALLING IT "FLAGRANTLY INCONSISTENT" WITH AIDE-MEMOIRE. KARPOV ASKED THAT US, AT FUTURE MEETING, EXPLAIN USE OF TERM "TUPOLEV" RATHER THAN "TUPOLEV-95", TERM "CAPABILITIES COMPARABLE", AND US OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO SCC IN CONTEXT OF JOINT CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AIRCRAFT FOR INCLUSION IN AGREEMENT.

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3. ARTICLE II.1 (ICBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION): IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER US QUESTION (SALT TWO 831) AS TO WHETHER ONCE A DEVICE LAUNCHED AN ICBM ALL LAUNCHERS OF THAT TYPE WOULD BE CONSIDERED ICBM LAUNCHERS, KARPOV SAID THE USSR DID NOT UNDERSTAND MEANING OF QUESTION. SINCE NEW FIXED ICBM LAUNCHER CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE PROHIBITED, AND SINCE THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT THERE WILL BE NO RELOCATION OF FIXED LAND-BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS, KARPOV WONDERED WHAT SPECIFICALLY THE US HAD IN MIND -- SOME OTHER KIND OF FIXED LAUNCHERS, NON-FIXED LAUNCHERS, OR SOMETHING ELSE? HE REQUESTED CLARIFICATION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

4. ARTICLE XVII.3 (DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES): KARPOV SAID SOVIET SIDE ALSO DID NOT UNDERSTAND US QUESTION (SALT TWO 837) AS TO WHETHER TESTING PHASE WAS COVERED BY ARTICLE XVII.3. HE REQUESTED FUTURE CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT SPECIFIC KINDS OF SYSTEMS US HAD IN MIND.

5. NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6. JOHNSON

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